

deficit spending, has it stolen or diminished the American dream?

I think that it has. What this Congress has tried to do is work for commonsense reforms. We have tried to balance the budget in a fair way. We have tried to put sanity back into our tax system, with such things as eliminating the marriage tax penalty. We have tried to make government more responsive and operate like a household budget, rather than like some kind of Santa Claus fantasy that we can just tap into some instant money machine somewhere, and the money just keeps flowing and flowing and flowing. We have tried to do this, because balancing the budget is about people.

You know, an individual today owes about \$18,000 on the national debt. That means a couple working to pay their mortgage is having to pay a higher mortgage rate because the interest rates are higher because the budget is not balanced. That means a professional woman pursuing a career, leasing a car, has to pay higher payments, on buying that car, has to pay higher interest rates on that, or the small business person.

It also means that a small baby, like my nephew, Walker Watson, will have to pay over \$200,000 in interest over his lifetime just on the national debt above and beyond State, local, and Federal taxes.

Balancing the budget is not about numbers, it is about people. It is not just about people, it is about a future of children in the American dream. I think we can change the system. I think we can restore sanity to Washington, Mr. Speaker. We have got to do it in a bipartisan way, we have got to do it in a fair way, and we have got to do it outside of Washington. We have got to go home, every weekend, and constantly talk to the American people about this process, because it is something that affects all of us.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. PORTMAN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. RIGGS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of illness.

Mr. GANSKE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and September 12, on account of illness.

Mr. HEINEMAN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and September 12, on account of illness.

Mr. TORKILDSEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. PASTOR (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of business in the district.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. SCOTT (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CHAMBLIS to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LUCAS, for 5 minutes, today,

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MONTGOMERY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. GIBBONS, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$3,061.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MONTGOMERY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. TORRICELLI.

Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. DOYLE.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mrs. MALONEY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. THORNBERRY.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Mr. WALSH.

Mr. STOCKMAN.

Mr. SCHAEFER.

Mr. SOLOMON.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KINGSTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. CLINGER.

Mr. HAYES.

Mr. CRAPO.

Mr. GILLMOR.

Mr. EDWARDS.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. OBEY.

Mr. MATSUI.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. MOLLOHAN.

Mr. DORNAN.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. GIBBONS.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. OWENS.

Mr. FORBES in three instances.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mr. MCINTOSH.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1662. An act to establish areas of wilderness and recreation in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2428. An act to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to non-profit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law.

H.R. 4018. An act to make technical corrections in the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1992.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 12, 1996, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized by various committees, U.S. House of Representatives, during the 2d quarter of 1996 in connection with official foreign travel, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, as well as reports by various miscellaneous groups and individuals concerning expenditures in connection with official foreign travel authorized by the Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, are as follows: